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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Messing and Billeting Arrangements - Contract and Contractor Personnel [redacted]

REFERENCES: a. [redacted] 0016 (IN 00589), paragraph 4.  
 b. [redacted] 0035, (IN 00783).  
 c. [redacted] 3 (OUT 50795).  
 d. [redacted] 0038 (IN 00801).

1. When Messrs. Cunningham and [redacted] they were given to understand that a satisfactory chit system could be worked out for messing of our [redacted] personnel. References a, b and d indicate that a chit system would not be favorable, nor seemingly desirable, for security reasons, for our personnel. Air Force and Agency civilians will be required to pay for meals from personal funds, but contracts of contractor personnel and our Agency contract employees call for the Project's furnishing billeting and messing without charge to the individuals. A problem therefore exists in how [redacted] is to advance, or reimburse, the latter personnel for meals and billeting.

2. Mr. Cunningham informs us that meal charges for the "open" mess are as follows: Breakfast - \$.45; Dinner - \$.60; Supper - \$.60 - or a total of \$1.65 per day. A 30-day month would therefore call for an expenditure of \$49.50 per individual for meals. Billeting charges are composed of a \$15.00 per month per individual BOQ service charge, and a \$5.00 per month per individual Officers Club charge. The Officers Club is located in the BOQ which our personnel will occupy [redacted] and there is no local provision for screening out personnel who do not belong to the Officers Club once they are inside the BOQ. This would seemingly indicate that all personnel billeted in the BOQ would have the facilities of the Officers Club available to them and the \$5.00 per individual Officers Club fee might almost be considered a part of the BOQ charge. The \$49.50 for meals, plus the \$20.00 BOQ and Officers Club fee, thus totals \$69.50 per month per individual.

3. It is proposed that the Finance Officer of the First WRS (Prov) be instructed to reimburse each contractor employee assigned PCS to the Squadron for the \$20.00 BOQ and Officers Club charge each month. It is also suggested that the Finance Officer be instructed to reimburse each individual for \$49.50 (30-day month) of messing fees per individual per month. The latter reimbursement would be made with the understanding that this is the total cost which would be entailed if all meals were eaten in the "open" mess; if the individual chooses to eat meals elsewhere, at a greater expense, this additional cost would be considered a personal

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expense item of the individual. A 31-day month, of course, would add \$1.65 to this charge of \$49.50.

4. It is recommended that suitable instructions be forwarded to the Finance Officer of the First WRS (Provisional) and to each of the several suppliers concerned, in order that the arrangements proposed may be understood and properly implemented.

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Personnel Officer

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